

Regulatory Compliance Education Project

AG REGULATIONS: LEARN TO MANAGE THEM INSTEAD OF LETTING THEM MANAGE YOU

Producers in California face more regulations from more agencies than any other farmers in the nation. Changing rules and new regulations from multiple sources have become so complex that many producers can no longer keep track of all of them much less create a systematic compliance plan that addresses them. These regulations amplify the impact of normal production, marketing, and financial risk.

California Secretary of Agriculture AG Kawamura will introduce a workshop on September 8 that will help producers manage the burden of regulations by introducing a new tool that assists producers to create a unified plan for dealing with them. The workshops will be presented at county Agricultural Commissioner and Small Business Development Center network offices and Kawamura's introduction will be part of a DVD that opens each workshop. The new Excel™- based tool called AgComplyIT on CD will be distributed free to producers attending the workshop. It will identify the state and federal production regulations that may apply to a particular enterprise and help growers create a plan to comply. After the introduction agency representatives at the local sites will join growers in a facilitated discussion..

Who

California Department of Food and Agriculture and County Agricultural Commissioners / Small Business Development Center network / USDA Risk Management Agency/ and FACTS, an agriculture education company. State and federal agencies that administer regulations that impact agriculture will cooperate.

When

September 8, 2005
Call your local Agricultural Commissioner or Small Business Development Center for exact time and location.

Why

Growers say that regulation risk is one of the greatest they face. This tool won't remove the risk, but it will help them to:

- Organize the information
- Identify what state and federal regulations probably apply to an agricultural production enterprise
- Get information about those regulations
- Meet and talk to some of the local people who administer today's most pressing regulations

What

Twenty, two-hour long workshops hosted by Agriculture Commissioners and the Small Business Development Center network held throughout the state to introduce a new tool that helps producers develop a coherent plan to comply with the regulations that affect their agricultural operations. Attendees will receive a free CD containing the Excel™ based tool called AgComplyIT and a resource guide with information and links to many regulatory agencies.

Where

Check this web site for the locations of all the workshops
<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/exec/aep/aes/AgReg/index.htm>
or call: (530)-852-4768



The California Small Business Development Centers



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